ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are indicated in the Statement. (See below).

(c) This information is not centrally maintained.

Statement

(1) For purposes of appointment to Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts filled through Employment Exchanges and Staff Selection Commission the upper age limit are relaxed upto 10 years, in the case of Physically Handicapped persons.

(2) Typing qualification is one of the essential qualifications for recruitment to posts of LDCs. However, such of the physically handicapped persons who are otherwise qualified to hold clerical posts and who are certified as being unable to type by the Medical Board attached to Special Employment Exchange for the handicapped (or by a Civil Surgeon where there is no such Board) are exempted from passing the typing test.

(3) If sufficient number of physically handicapped persons are not available on the basis of general standard to fill all the vacancies reserved for them, candidates belonging to this category would be selected under the relaxed standard of selection to make up the deficiency in the reserved quota subject to the fitness of these candidates for appointment to the posts in question.

(4) In categories of posts in Group 'C' and Group 'D' which are identified as being suitable for handicapped persons, other things being equal, preference would be given to handicapped persons even in excess of the quota reserved for them.

(5) A number of jobs in Group 'A' and 'B' have been identified as can be held by physically handicapped persons. In the recruitment to these posts, preference would be given to physically handicapped persons.

(6) Physically Handicapped persons are exempted from payment of application and examination fee prescribed in respect of competitive examinations held by SSC and UPSC for recruitment in various group 'C' and 'B' posts (Non-Gazetted) and also posts pertaining to the above categories which have been filled through recruitment by selection. This exemption will be available only to those handicapped persons who would otherwise be eligible for appointment to posts on the basis of standard of medical fitness prescribed for the posts.

(7) The orthopaedically handicapped employees with disabilty of a minimum of 40 per cent permanent partial disability of either the upper or lower limbs or 50 per cent permanent partial disabilty of both upper and lower limbs together are granted conveyance allowance of 5 per cent of basic pay subject to a maximum of Rs. 100/- p.m. Conveyance allowance is also admissible to Central Govt. employees suffering from spinal deformity.

(8) Reservation is provided for Physically Handicapped where promotions are being made to certain identified posts within group 'D', from Group 'D' to Group 'C' and within group 'C'.

Change in new syllabus of UPSC

2009. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the news item appeared in the Indian Express, Delhi of 16th April, 1993 under the caption "UPSC Decision leaves student flundering", if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) whether Government propose to bring about change in the newly introduced essay paper, allowing the students to write in their chosen languages; and

(c) whether the topics of essay would cover the wide rage to facilitate students from all faculties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Expert Committee appointed by the U.P.S.C. under the chairmanship of Prof. Satish Chandra *inter alia* recommended the introduction of an Essay Paper in the Civil Services Examination. This recommendation has been accepted by the UPSC and the Govt.

(b) The candidates for the CSE will have the option to answer all the papers of the Main Examination, including the Essay Paper, but excluding the language papers, in any one of the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution or in English.

(c) The candidates will be required to write an Essay on a specific topic out of a given choice of subjects. Credit will be given for effective and exact expression.

Directors panel of CSS officers

2010. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directors' panel of C.S.S. officers for the year 1992 is yet to be issued;

(b) whether it is also a fact that alligibility of officers is considered as on 1st July of the year, i.e. 1st July, 1992 and the panel should have been out before December, 1992;

(c) if so, why this panel is being delayed and what is the date for issue of the panel;

(d) whether the interests of CSS officers would not suffer due to delay in issuance of the panel as the vacancies falling vacant in April-May, 1993, are likely to be filled by officers of the IAS and other Group 'A' services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This is not a Statutory requirement but a part of the annual action plan of the Ministry.

(c) The finalisation of the panel gets delayed because of the the non-receipt of updated CRs from the different Ministries/ Departments in time.

(d) No Sir, as vacancies occur not only in April-May but also in other months of the year.

Promotion avenues for stenographers

2011. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has accepted in full the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission vide para 11.34 for the stenographers of the non-sectt. organisations numbering 41,000 to improve the promotion avenues of stenographers by creation of a higher pay scale of Rs. 2000-3200 in addition to the three pay scales Gr. I (Rs. 1640—2900), Grade II (Rs. 1400—2300) presently Rs. 1400—2600) and Grade III (Rs. 1200—2040);

(b) whether it is also a fact that to improve the promotion avenues of stenographers 100 per cent posts of Grade I were upgraded to Sr. P.A. (Rs. 2000—3200);

(c) whether it is also a fact that to improve the promotion avenues of stenographers Grade II (Rs. 1400—2600) mini-